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Auditing of the accounts of T.U.C.S. by the Co-operative department.

* 683 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) for how many half-years the accounts of the Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society, Triplicane, have been audited by the Co-operative department audit;

(b) whether the auditor has submitted any special report regarding the working of the society;

(c) whether mention is made about the non-production of the current records for audit; and about their destruction;

(d) whether the secretary of the society disobeyed the summons of the auditor in not appearing before him and giving particulars;

(e) whether any misappropriation, fraud, falsification of accounts, cheating, breach of trust, etc., have been reported by the auditor; and

(f) if the answer is in the affirmative what are the steps proposed by the Government to rectify the defects?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) The accounts of the T.U.C.S. have been audited by the department for two half-years, viz., half-years ending with 30th June 1951 and 31st December 1951. The audit for the third half-year, viz., half-year ending with 30th June 1952 is in progress.

" (b) & (c) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (d) The answer is in the negative.

" (e) The answer is in affirmative.

" (f) Six cases of misappropriation have been reported to the police. Fifty-three more cases are under investigation. To avoid a recurrence of misappropriation, etc., the society has introduced an effective system of internal check. The Inspectors of the Society have been asked to make surprise visits to the branches, take stock and verify the cash balances. The Government have introduced departmental audit and supervision which have improved the working of the society.".

Prohibition offences.

* 684 Q.—SRI N. V. L. NARASIMHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) whether before prosecution for prohibition offences is launched any enquiry is made with regard to the status of the persons against whom such prosecutions are launched; and

(b) the reasons for entrusting such prosecutions to the local police instead of the Excise department?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) According to the procedure prevailing in the districts where the Prohibition Act is enforced by the Excise (Prohibition)